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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR AREA 6
GENERAL AREA WEST**

- References: 1) Letter DOE-0031-07, J. Reising to J. Saric/T. Schneider, "Transmittal of the Draft Certification Report for Area 6 General Area West," dated October 25, 2006
- 2) Letter, J. Saric to J. Reising, "Area 6 General Area West Certification Report," dated November 8, 2006

Enclosed for your approval are responses to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comments on the draft Certification Report for Area 6 General Area West. Upon approval, these comment responses will be incorporated into the final report.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,

Johnny W. Reising
Director

Enclosure

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**RESPONSES TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY TECHNICAL REVIEW
COMMENTS ON THE
DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT
FOR AREA 6 GENERAL AREA WEST**

**FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT
FERNALD, OHIO**

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**RESPONSES TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS ON THE
DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR AREA 6 GENERAL AREA WEST
(20600-RP-0009, REVISION A)**

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Commenting Organization: U.S. EPA

Commentor: Saric

Section #: 1.4

Page #: 1-2

Line #: 7 and 8

Original Specific Comment #: 1

Comment: The text states that the area was divided into 18 Group 1 certification units (CUs) and 6 trench CUs. However, figures and data provided in the report indicate the area was divided into 26 Group 1 CUs and 6 trench CUs. The text should be revised to resolve this discrepancy.

Response: Agree. However, there are actually 26 Group 1 CUs, 6 trench CUs, as well as a pile CU (CU 23P) that was not originally called out in the text.

Action: The text in Section 1.4 and Section 2.2.1 will be revised to resolve this discrepancy.

Commenting Organization: U.S. EPA

Commentor: Saric

Section #: 1.5

Page #: 1-2

Line #: 20 through 23

Original Specific Comment #: 2

Comment: The text states that 18 CUs and 6 trench CUs make up the area and that all 24 CUs passed the certification criteria. However, figures and data provided in the report indicate the area was divided into 26 Group 1 CUs and 6 trench CUs for a total of 32 CUs. The text should be revised to resolve this discrepancy.

Response: Agree. However, there are a total of 33 CUs; 26 Group 1 CUs, 6 trench CUs, as well as a pile CU (CU 23P) that was not originally called out in the text.

Action: The text in Section 1.5 will be revised to resolve this discrepancy.